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## Mavericks topple Fighting Sioux's swimming dynasty, win NCC title

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SPORTS EDITOR

The North Dakota Fighting Sioux have been the reigning North Central Conference champion in women's swimming for the last 23 years. That streak came to a screeching halt Saturday night as the Mavericks won their first conference swimming title by 29.5

points. It was that much sweeter to do it here at the Health, Physical Education and Recreation pool.

The Mavs have had four top-five conference finishes in the last five years, but the Fighting Sioux have had at least a share of the NCC title since 1982.

It was obvious through the whole tournament that this was going to be a battle between the Mavs and the Sioux and only one team could come out on top. The Sioux took an early lead, but the Mavs refused to give up. Every swimmer counted in every race between these two teams and at the end of four days of hard fought competition, the Mavericks celebrated as the Fighting Sioux watched their stranglehold on the conference come to an end.

"This is the biggest upset in NCAA swimming history," a breathless Katie Liebmann said.

After Wednesday's



Michelle Bishop

Members  
teammate

opening rounds North Dakota had a tenuous 69-64 lead going into Thursday. Thursday night's finals allowed North Dakota to take a 61-point lead as they won four of the six events. UNO senior Veronica Barna won the 500-yard freestyle in a dead sprint finish.

"I knew I had to stay in front of her and work my walls," Barna said. "It feels great

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## Shorb set to become new library dean

CRYSTAL R. REID  
NEWS EDITOR

Stephen Shorb was named library dean on Friday, ending the long search for the replacement of the former dean, Jan Boyer. Boyer resigned from her position last June.

Shorb is currently an associate director of university libraries at the University of Florida. He has held that position since 2001.

His duties as associate director included helping plan and design new library facilities and a 140,000 square foot renovation to the main library, expertise that will come in handy with the Criss Library's up and coming additions.

Shorb will begin serving

with a master's in political science from the University of Florida this year.

Dorothy Willis has served as interim dean since July of last year, taking over after Boyer moved to the library's technical services. Boyer had been on a six-month leave before leaving her position as library dean.



Michelle Bishop

Ashley Renshaw competes in the 100-yard backstroke Thursday during the NCC Championships. Renshaw recorded a first-place finish in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 1:05.84.

## Student questions safety of University Village

Burglaries during winter recess leaves freshman wondering if security was negligent

JOSH BASHARA  
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Last year on Christmas Day, many students were frantically tearing open presents and enjoying a festive dinner with their loved ones. A few UNO students weren't so lucky.

In January, *The Gateway* reported a rash of break-ins at the University Village dorms at the southwest edge of campus. Four University Village tenants got quite a surprise on Christmas and the day after, when they found out that someone forced entry into their dorm rooms and stole items of substantial value.

One of these students was Jamie Erb, an 18-year-old freshman. She was in South Carolina during winter break. She received a call from her roommate, who told her that her room at the Red Willow building had been broken into. Erb said she called her resident assistant and

asked her to check out the apartment and assess the damage. The roommate then called campus security after discovering that some of Erb's belongings were missing, including a \$1,900 laptop.

Still out of town, Erb was forced to leave the matter in the hands of campus security.

"By the time I got back, our door and everything was fixed," Erb said. "My roommate said that campus security told her not to call the cops - that they would take care of it."

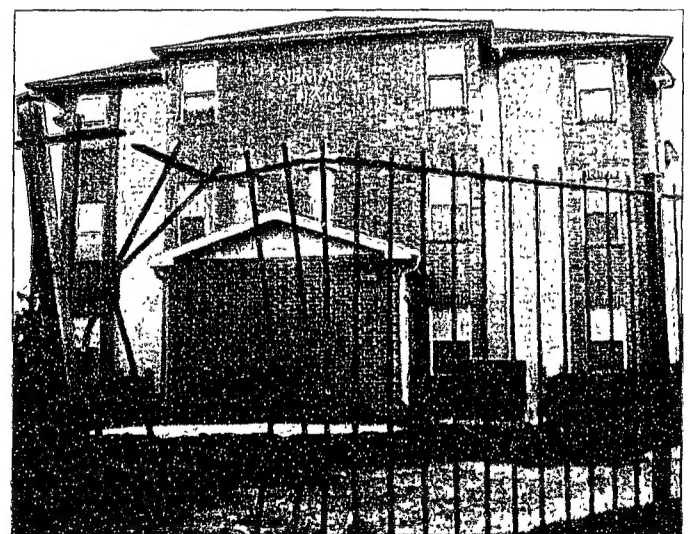
Erb then gave an official report to campus security, but she wasn't satisfied with the way it was handling the situation. She was under the impression that campus security had photographed her bedroom while she was out of town, so she began to straighten up her room and rearrange her belongings. Erb later found out that campus security hadn't actually photographed her room, just

her door.

"I had asked [security] if they had taken pictures of my room," she said, "and they told me, 'Well, maybe.' I had already put everything back into place with my fingerprints all over."

She decided it was time to file a report with the Omaha Police Department.

When an officer came to her apartment to collect information, campus security arrived and briefly spoke with the officer. Erb said that only two minutes after the police officer had left, a campus security



Josh Bashara

A large gap in the fence surrounding Nemaha Hall in the University Village was caused by a snow removal vehicle that backed into it.

employee returned to her apartment and told her that they forgot to inform the police officer that they had a suspect in mind.

"It just didn't seem right; the way

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## News Briefs

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NEWS EDITOR

**Forum on dual enrollment Friday**  
The UNO community is invited to attend an informational forum on dual enrollment Friday. The event will begin at 2 p.m. in the Milo Bail Student Center Ballroom. Information on participating high schools will be provided, and questions from the audience will be answered. For more information, contact Kelly Malone at 554-3810 or malonek@mail.unomaha.edu.

**Comedian Preacher Moss to discuss racism tomorrow**

Comedian Preacher Moss will perform at UNO tomorrow in conjunction with the Black History Month celebration. His routine will feature racism subject matter. The event, sponsored by the Student Programming Organization, will begin at noon in the MBSC Nebraska Room. It is free and open to the public.

For more information on Preacher Moss, visit the Web at [www.preachermoss.com](http://www.preachermoss.com). For more information about the program, contact SPO at 554-2623.

**February FEAP hours available**  
The Faculty/Staff Employee Assistance Program provides short-term counseling, assessment and referral services for faculty, staff, their spouses or significant others and family members. FEAP offices are located in room 206 of the Eppley Administration Building. The February schedule is as follows: Friday 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. Feb. 28 8 a.m. to noon. Appointments are free and available by calling 554-3120 (UNO) or 559-5175 (UNMC).

**Fourth annual Poker Walk/Run today at UNO**  
Campus Recreation and the Wellness Stampede will host the fourth annual Poker Walk/Run

today. The start time is noon at the Milo Bail Student Center Plaza. All interested faculty, staff and students are invited to participate. There is no fee to take part in the event. The 1.5-mile course will cover the UNO campus and Elmwood Park. At specific sites throughout the course, each contestant will receive a playing card. At the end of the course, all poker hands will be shown, and a winner will be revealed. Prizes will be awarded to first, second and third place. "Speed is not an advantage," said Dave Daniels, assistant director for fitness/wellness and instructional programs at UNO. "All participants will be given five cards along the course, and the best three poker hands win." Participants are encouraged to arrive 10 minutes early to get directions. In the event of inclement weather, the walk/run will be held in the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Building on the indoor jogging track. Registration will be held at the race location the day of the event.

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they were handling it," Erb said. "It didn't make sense to me."

Paul Kosel, assistant manager of campus security, said that standard operating procedure for a burglary dictates that campus security take a report from the victim and assist him or her in contacting the police, if need be. Kosel said that campus security does have an investigator for campus crimes, but it does not have a forensic crime lab for detailed investigations.

are with something like this."

Fountain said that the drive-through gate to her apartment frequently breaks down. Erb also said that the walk-through gate is always open, which she feels puts students at a greater risk when it comes to safety.

During the last month, *The Gateway* has examined the perimeter security outside the University Village dorms and found several examples confirming the claims made by Erb and Fountain. None of the walk-through entrances to the buildings have gates installed on them, despite pre-made hinges in place where a gate would be affixed. *The Gateway* has also observed several instances when the drive-through gates were open for days at a time. Also in front of Nemaha Hall is a large breach in the fence surrounding the building where a vehicle struck it months ago.

Kosel said that anything to do with maintenance of the fence and gates is the responsibility of Century Campus Housing, which is the management company for University Village. He admits that there are several major security breaches, and said that they have told the management company since the dorms were built that gates should be installed at the walk-through entrances.

Steve Saur is the managing director for University Village and is employed by Century Campus Housing.

"The walk-through gates have never been operational since we've been in existence," Saur said. "When we initially tried to install them, we

could not find an operator that worked correctly for handicap accessibility and other issues."

Saur said his company currently has a bid in for \$7,000 to install the gates with minimal functionality - they would open and close.

"We do not guarantee student security or safety, nor do we say that these [gates] would prevent anything," he said. "It's a five-foot-tall fence. Putting a gate up is not going to stop somebody from climbing it."

"We have our own students who climb it - some of the same of who might be upset," he said.

In regard to the drive-through gates, Saur said they are only open when there are adverse weather conditions, or when they are broken. He said the gates are left open during icy weather to prevent students from sliding into them and damaging their cars.

Saur noted that the hole in the fence near Nemaha was caused by a snow removal vehicle that had backed into it. He added that fence was slated for repair this spring.

"Part of what [students] need to do is be protective of themselves," he said. "When they see something suspicious, they need to report it to us or campus security. They need to be aware of their surroundings."

Saur declined to comment when asked if he felt the Village was as safe as the management company could provide for students.

Erb isn't too convinced though. "Before [the burglary], the main reason I wanted to live in the dorms was because I thought it would be more protected than an apartment in the city," she said. "After this happened, I don't feel safe at all."

## Student Government aims to be more visible to students

CRYSTAL R. REID  
NEWS EDITOR

Do you know who your student senators are?

Student Government has been pushing from within to get out into the campus more and to make its senators more visible to the people they represent. It has been difficult, with student schedules, senate duties and often part-time jobs to juggle.

In last Thursday's Student Government meeting, the senators talked about setting up photo display cases outside of their office in an effort to make themselves more identifiable.

The cases would display the pictures of student senators as well as their names and the colleges they represent.

President/Regent Elizabeth Kraemer feels that this will help students identify their representative, and encourage more dialogue between the student body and student government.

Student Government also discussed placing suggestion boxes around campus.

A resolution was passed that changed the timing of student government elections for the next year, as the current date of the elections conflicted with homecoming voting.

Friday morning, James Akers met with Student Government Speaker Steve Massara to discuss difficulties with the plus/minus grading system. Look to *The Gateway* for future coverage of plus/minus issues.



Josh Bashara

Gates at the walk-through entrances to University Village buildings have never been installed, despite the unused security keypads already in place.

"That's where the Omaha Police come in," he said. "They'll come out and do the pictures and prints thing. We will take pictures for our records, but they are nothing like what you're going to see for a typical crime lab."

Other students had similar stories, such as Pascha Fountain, whose dorm room had also been broken into during winter break. Fountain came home the day after Christmas to find her laptop, DVD player and digital camera stolen. She filed a report with campus security and the OPD, but said she feels indifferent about the two.

"I think [campus security] handled themselves OK," she said. "But then again I'm not sure what their policies

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## UNO to host job fair in March

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Several employers will be represented in the Milo Bail Student Center Ballroom on March 9 at the 2005 UNO Job Fair. The event, sponsored by Career Exploration and Outreach, is designed to connect employers with UNO students and alumni and will run from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

According to Bill Swanson, assistant to the vice chancellor of administration and director of Career Exploration and Outreach, the one-day program will have tables from employers seeking employees and interns. Both local and regional employers will be represented in this group.

"The job fair is a chance for students to have direct interaction with local employers, particularly those employers who are seeking to hire interns, part-time and full-time positions. What we try to promote in the job fair are employers who attend the event are actively seeking to bring people into their organization," Swanson said.

Swanson also said that there will be options for those wishing to work outside of Omaha.

"There are opportunities for students to gain employment in locations other than just strictly the Omaha metropolitan area," he said.

Saying that there are many opportunities available, Swanson feels that the most popular career fields will be well represented.

"There will be organizations who are looking for sales and customer service people. The financial services industry is usually pretty well represented. You will see healthcare in attendance as well," he said.

The job fair, unlike a career fair, will not focus on featuring graduate programs.

"What we're really trying to promote with the job fair is people who are willing to hire folks," Swanson said.

Swanson said that job seekers should come prepared for the interview process. Dressing for the event and coming with a current resume' is recommended.

Preparation for the job fair and assistance with any employment search is available to current students and alumni at the CEO office on Tuesday and Thursday of every week according to Swanson.

"If the student needs some assistance with the interviewing process or they need some help with resume' development based upon the conversations with some of the exhibitors, they'll come and see us. Ultimately, the goal is make sure that the students have ample opportunities to compete and to find a job," Swanson said.

Swanson believes that the event will benefit the students beyond the aspect of immediate employment.

"It's one of those great opportunities for students to network with employers in the community."

Participants can register at the door, but pre-registration is recommended and can be done online at [www.unoceo.unomaha.edu](http://www.unoceo.unomaha.edu).

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to go out on top."

Senior Sarah Clark won the 50-yard freestyle breaking her previous NCC record with a time of 23.62 seconds.

"The NCC record was already mine, but I was going for a different goal," Clark said. "I didn't get it but I was only two-hundredths off of our team record. So I felt really good."

UNO came out strong in Friday's finals. The 200-yard freestyle relay team of Jessica Hessel, Bridgette Schram, Molly Connolly and anchor Lisa Wemhoff opened the night by winning the closest race of the tournament by one one-hundredth of a second.

"I had no idea I beat her," Wemhoff said. "I thought maybe I did, because I saw her finish. When I looked at the scoreboard it was just crazy"

The Mavs swept the 100-yard breaststroke with Ashley Renshaw taking first, Clark taking second and Connolly taking third.

"We didn't really expect the sweep," Head Coach Todd Samland said. "It was just awesome."

The Mavs took their first lead of the tournament after the 400-yard individual medley, and built on it with Jamie Grogan's win in the one-meter diving competition. North Dakota refused to lie down though, and the Fighting Sioux set a new NCC record in the medley relay to retake a 16.5 point lead going into Saturday.

After Barna's win in the 1650-yard freestyle to start off Saturday night, the Mavs were down by just 27.5 points. North Dakota tried to extend their lead with three swimmers in the final six of the 200-yard backstroke, but UNO answered in the 200-yard breaststroke with six swimmers in the top 10, taking a 10.5 point lead. Freshman Jessica Hessel's first-place finish and Liebmann's fifth-place finish in the 200-yard butterfly extended the Mav's

lead to 21.5 points.

"There was a lot of pressure," Hessel said. "All night I'd been cheering for my teammates, and they were cheering for me, so I didn't want to let them down. A win as a team is always better than a win as an individual."

The championship came down to the final event, the 400-yard freestyle relay. UNO had to finish in the top four to hold on and win the tournament. Their qualifying time was nearly 10 seconds better than North Dakota's. Hopes and tensions were high. Colorado School of Mines was the only team in the consolation heat of the relay, and the Fighting Sioux took the chance to start chanting in an attempt to get inside of the heads of Connolly, Clark, Renshaw and Barna.

Every eye in the crowd was paying attention to these two teams at the start of the final heat when St. Cloud State came out of nowhere to shatter the NCC record by 1.2 seconds. North Dakota came in second and UNO came in third, giving the Mavericks their first ever NCC swimming title. They won by just 29.5 points.

"I try not to dwell on the streak or the wins. I just want the girls to swim fast, have fun and enjoy the sport," Samland said of the victory. "They're doing that right now (as the entire team danced fully clothed in the pool). It does feel pretty cool though."

Along with winning the tournament, 12 Mavericks qualified for the NCAA tournament in Orlando, Fla.

Jamie Grogan was named NCC female diver of the year, Clark was named NCC female swimmer of the year and Samland was named NCC female swimming coach of the year.

With only eight seniors graduating and several younger swimmers qualifying for nationals, UNO looks to challenge for their second conference title next season.

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## Do's and Don'ts: what to wear and what to spare in trend share

We've all seen it, some of us on a daily basis. But we are all stuck silently shaking our heads in shame when we see a huge fashion don't walking in front us. All we are left with is a mental image burned into our skulls of that disastrous sight and a vow that we will never commit such a crime.

But then, inevitably that look comes around again and is deemed "fashionable." What are we to do? I'm a girl of the "rules are meant to be broken" school, but in some cases that is so *not* true. There are some things that should never, ever be worn, said or done. I'll cover the worn part, but you are on your own for the rest.

**First of all, trends themselves.** I mean, our whole world is centered on them, but how do you know when enough is enough? A few years ago I deemed myself trend master and thought that I would just dress ridiculously trendy all the time. I will not delve into any further detail so as to save my dignity, but I will say that I owned at least six puffy vests and seven sweater coats during their respective trend periods. Remember that whole initial craze where everyone went around with shirts, purses, socks and sweatbands emblazoned with their special letter? Ew. But, I was guilty. Basically what I am trying to say here is *don't overdo the trends*. Maybe just wear one key trendy piece at a time and mix it with classics or plain denim or something.

**Don't over accessorize.** Personally, I have this little voice in my head that tells me to accessorize more. "Add some dangly eearrings," it will shriek in its shrill little voice. "Layer moore chunky chains." Overkill is overkill. And I have

### Real Fashion



Alex May

a tendency to overdo it when it comes to those little added extras. I find it hard to believe that some outfits don't need anything. You really shouldn't wear a necklace with a halter but I try every time anyway. Learn from my constant mistake.

**Don't wear oversized or ill-fitting clothes.** Has any one

seen the Olsen sisters lately? I've been running across a number of articles that compare them to bag ladies. Seriously, Google it. You won't believe what they're wearing. In a phrase: over-sized clothes. In a gesture: gag reflex. I really can't even begin to understand why two rich, cute and powerful girls would dress in such a way.

**Don't attempt to wear pants that fit tightly around your ankles.** I will honestly never, ever understand why anyone would ever wear pants that are so tight around the ankles that they threaten to cut off circulation. Yet I see this far too often. I have seen likenesses on the runway, which does frighten me a great deal, but I still don't believe that this look could ever re-infiltrate itself into our world of acceptable fashions. The days of yonder when I would wear stirrups with a nice oversized sweatshirt are over for me, and they should be for everyone else, too. I suppose one or two really skinny and frighteningly beautiful models or celebrities could pull them off and would make me re-think this but I really doubt it. They make your body look like it's balancing on a weird little spike when you stand with feet together. Ew.

Luckily for us all there are way more fashion do's than fashion don'ts. Let's work together to keep it that way.

## Noodles and Co. offers up relaxing atmosphere, diverse dishes for all

BRYAN KOHLER  
STAFF WRITER

The name pretty much says it all: Noodles. It's not a mystery as to what is Noodles and Co.'s specialty. However it was a surprise, for me at least.

On Feb. 15, Noodles and Co. had a VIP event for its second restaurant in Omaha, located on 168th and West Center in the Legacy shopping center.

I wasn't expecting too much from a noodle place.

Walking into the restaurant, I

over it to see what my mouth watered for the most. Of course they had macaroni and cheese, spaghetti with sauce, salads (wasn't expecting that one) and other favorites. I wanted something different and new, so I got the Penne Rosa. This dish consisted of penne noodles in a cheesy red pepper sauce, topped with tomatoes, baby spinach, mushrooms and freshly grated Parmesan cheese.

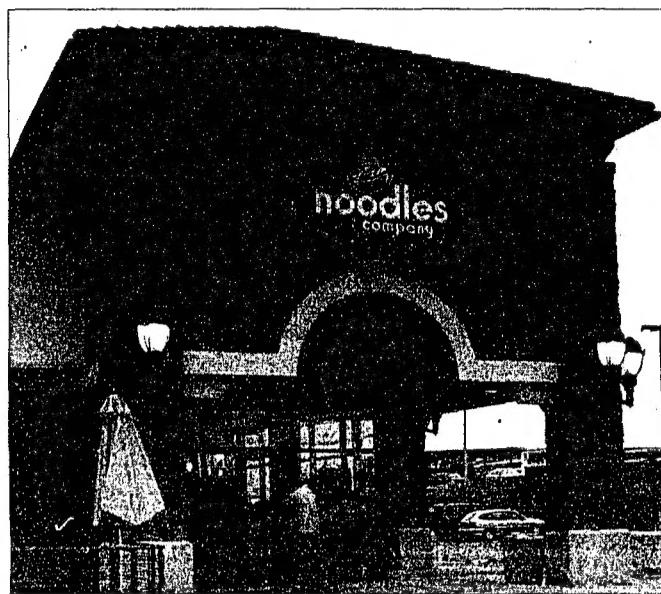
Most restaurants have problems with getting the food out in time. Sometimes when I'm waiting for the food, I totally forget about being hungry

because it takes so damn long. To my surprise, my food was out incredibly fast, although the place was quite busy. With a fork in one hand and ice tea in the other, I began to dig in.

I've never had anything remotely like this before in my entire life. The flavors were so good and diverse, not to mention the texture. Chili sauce, soy sauce, salt and pepper are the condiments. With chili sauce, this dish was perfect. I'm a huge fan

of spicy food. I couldn't stop and I wouldn't stop eating. Then I thought about the price of the dish and how its value reflected that of the dish as a whole. For \$5.75, I couldn't ask for more.

If I were to complain about anything, it would be the size of the restaurant. It needs to be larger. Just by having one dish, I can only imagine what everything else is like. Noodles and Co. has a bright future ahead of them. With already two stores in Omaha, I can only hope for more.



Josh Point

Noodles and Company's location at 16920 Wright Street in Omaha.

noticed how incredibly sharp the place was. It has a very relaxing atmosphere and isn't drowned out by unnecessary props found in places like Applebee's. I could tell, just by walking in, that Noodles and Co. has a very direct message: come in, relax and eat. Also, the setup of the restaurant is interesting. You walk up to the counter, order your food (with the cooks in sight preparing food), sit down with a provided number for your order and wait.

After being handed a menu, I glanced

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## Hip-Hop Notes

COMMENTARY BY JULIAN IVEY  
STAFF WRITER

The Game is ready for war. If you haven't heard the rumors of Game's beef with Hov, you haven't been listening.

Not long after Jay-Z was on a New York radio station letting people know he wasn't dissing Game during a freestyle, Game dissed him at a show in Amsterdam. He also took aim at Memphis Bleek, Beanie Sigel, Ja Rule, Ashanti and Irv Gotti.

Problems started when Jay-Z did a freestyle called "The Game's Through" on the Funk Master Flex radio show. Flex has been trying to mediate between the two. Go DJ! Cause that's my DJ!

Last time I told you about Lil' Wayne beefin' with Cash Money. Reports are that he signed a deal to stay with Cash Money, but for how long? Rumor has it he's been thinking about going to Def Jam, which Jay-Z now heads.

This makes perfect sense to me. Wayne's album is called *Tha Carter*. His song, "Go DJ," sounds like Jay-Z wrote it - listen closely and you'll hear it. He's on *Destiny's Child* song and Cash Money artists never do guest appearances. It'd be the best career move Wayne's made since changing his style up.

Jay-Z also admitted to the public that he will be recording new material for an album. He won't be touring for a while, though. Jay plans to release new albums by *Young Gunz*, Memphis Bleek and Foxy Brown on Def Jam this year.

Funk Master Flex has also upset *Busta Rhymes*. Seems the Funk Master leaked Busta's new single, "I'll hurt you." Rhymes has been trying to contact Flex since the incident but he's getting the run-around.

I'm sorry but T.I. is garbage. He has some catchy songs but he has no personality. Now he's talking all that 'king of the south' junk. I'm one of those people he's talking to on his latest single. Lil' Flip's better anyway.

Fat Joe's not as fat as he used to be.

After getting motivated by an episode of Oprah, Joe got a personal trainer and went on a low-carb diet. He says it's been tough because he's Puerto Rican and he can't eat rice and beans.

That story brings a tear to my eye. Fat Joe's dog, Christopher Rios - also known as *Big Pun* - got morbidly obese and died of a heart attack on Feb. 7, 2000. Rap lost one of its greatest that day. For more information



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The Wu-Tang Clan made its first track together in three years. The song, "I Go Through Life," will be included on ODB's posthumous album. The album is untitled but should be released March 22.

The Wu are planning an album but are waiting for solo projects to finish. ODB lives on because Wu-Tang is forever.

Remember The Clipse?

They've been gone for three years but are on the way back. The group fell victim to Arista merging into Jive Records. The move set them back because they are a hardcore rap group on what is basically a pop label.

The duo added a couple of members and released an album as the Re-Up Gang called *We Got it for Cheap, Volume 1*. They also started Re-Up Records and will release a second LP produced by The Neptunes.

George Washington University is having *Lloyd Banks* headline its annual Spring Fling Concert. Why don't we have anything like that at UNO? I'd go there if it wasn't about \$1,000 per credit hour. One thing's for sure; the folks at GWU know what's up.

## Wish You Were There

A quick re-cap of a concert you may have missed

### Punk Rock Formal 2

REVIEW BY SARAH LEGG  
FEATURES EDITOR

It was punk. It was rock. And it was formal. Too bad you missed it, PRF2 was tons of fun.

Approximately 130 people attended the festivities, formal attire and all. There were girls with teased out hair, lots of eyeliner and nail polish on men and hot, black dresses on the women.

The night started with a lot of drinking and a great performance by Lincoln's newest pop-punk sensation, Trick Magnet. The band is composed of vocalist Kris Allison and drummer Emmy Wave - both former members of 8th Wave - bass master Nate of the group Youth in Asia and UNO student Joe Huffman on guitar, formerly of The Moronic 5.

Trick Magnet sounds a lot like a mature 8th Wave minus the horns and ska beats. Playing just their second show, the band fired up the crowd for the rest of the night.

Analog played next with its hardcore style. Fans and non-fans of hardcore alike watched members Dustin Treinen of Paria, Josh Simms of Perigee Apogee, Paul Pettit,

Jason Rabuck and Travis Whitesell with jealousy of what a tight band can really do.

Carson City Heat ended off the show with its Motown, Jackson Five-sounding songs. Chris, Timmy, Dave, Emmy, Tyler, Darby, Aasta, Jessica, Pete and Stuart make



Sarah Legg

Ladies man Joe Huffman puts the moves on some decked-out divas at Punk Rock Formal 2 at Sokol Underground.

up the 10-piece group that facilitates the bongos, tambourine and lots of vocalists to create their fun, funky dance music.

Everyone in the crowd danced as Carson City Heat played its first show. Not a face in the crowd was left without a smile at the end of the set.

DJ Ken Clientele spun tracks before, between and after each band. The show turned into a huge dance party until the

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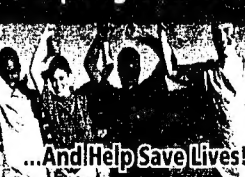
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## CD reviews

RAE LICARI  
STAFF WRITER

*Digital Ash in a Digital Urn*  
*I'm Wide Awake, It's Morning*  
(Saddle Creek)  
**Bright Eyes**

I hate to say this, but I miss the old Bright Eyes, I really do.

I miss the recorded histrionics. I miss the onstage juvenile tantrums. But most of all, I miss Bright Eyes songs that have

heart to them.

Heart is what has been notoriously missing from Bright Eyes records ever since the band and Conor Oberst, the band's singer/songwriter/overall mastermind, began receiving massive nationwide recognition. And before you throw this paper away in disgust, let me just say that no, I am not a jaded hipster or a Conor-hater; in fact, I am a fan of Bright Eyes and have been for several years. That's why it truly pains me to say that I for one do not think the band's pair of recently-released records - *Digital Ash in a Digital Urn* and *I'm Wide Awake, It's Morning* - are really as fantastic as everyone else says they are.

I had high hopes. To be perfectly frank, the band's 2002 release, *Lifted ...* left me with a rather lukewarm feeling. The Bright Eyes I knew and loved got buried somewhere underneath the fancy orchestrations. I had hoped at least one of the two records would show a return to form for the band - simple, stripped-down songs full of soul.

Alas, this is not exactly the case.

Of the two albums,

*Digital Ash* is definitely the more interesting. The disc's sound is synth-heavy and mellow, and while it would be easy to accuse Oberst of going the way of The Postal Service, the sound actually works quite well, so the severe switch doesn't seem cheap and gimmicky like it easily could.

A lot of the songs on *Digital Ash* sound as if they would be right at home on *Letting Off the Happiness*, the band's 1998 release. Standout tracks include "Down in a Rabbit Hole," the oddly-percussioned "Arc of Time," and disc closer "Easy/Lucky/Free."

*Wide Awake*, however, has fewer points going for it. Once again, form seems to overpower substance, with Oberst's trademark passion taking a back seat to fancy instrumentation and backing vocals from Emmylou Harris.

Oh yeah, Harris. No disrespect to Harris, as she IS a musical legend and all, but her voice does NOT mix well with Oberst's. The pairing is commendable in theory, but in actual listening, it does nothing to improve the songs. Liked "Land Locked Blues" better when it was called "One Foot in Front of the Other," lacked Harris' contribution, and was released on the Saddle Creek 50 compilation.



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end of the night when they announced last call and the doors were closed.

All in all, everyone there looked like they had a great time and left with their goals accomplished: to drink, dance and look good.

Trick Magnet plays next with

Anchondo at Knickerbockers on March 5. Knickerbockers is located at 9th and "O" Streets in downtown Lincoln. Analog plays at the Ranch Bowl (1600 S 72nd St.) on Feb. 24 with 3 Inches of Blood. Carson City Heat will play soon, more info at [www.carsoncityheat.com](http://www.carsoncityheat.com).

## Happening This Week

COMPILED BY ANDREW CUMBEE  
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

## Tuesday, Feb. 22

Ani Difranco at Rococo Theater

Difranco has been a popular folksinger since the early 1990s. She now makes her debut in Lincoln at the Rococo.

Doors open at 7 p.m. for an 8 p.m. show.

Tickets: \$32.50, call (402) 476-4467 for details.

## Wednesday, Feb. 23

J. Medicine Hat at Funny Bone Omaha

The famous hypnotist/comic returns to Omaha for six nights beginning tonight. If you're looking for a hypnotist, there is no one better. This show is for mature audiences only. Monday's show is "X"-rated and has a \$15 ticket price.

Doors open at 6 p.m. for a 7:30 p.m. show, with extra 10:15 p.m. shows on Friday and Saturday.

Tickets: \$10

Emphatic, Cheshire Grit, Undecided, Endeavor at Sokol Underground

This concert at Sokol is part of the 89.7 The River Concert Series. Tickets are cheap, and these four local bands are worth the price of admission.

Doors open at 7 p.m. for an 8 p.m. show.

Tickets: \$5, contact The River for more information at (712) 328-8970.

## Thursday, Feb. 24

Romeo and Juliet at The Rose Theater

Combining the power of Sergei Prokofiev's 1935 score and Robin Welch's choreography, Shakespeare's tragic tale comes to life with this performance by the Omaha Theater Ballet.

Main stage at The Rose, 2001 Farnam St.

Call (402) 345-4849 for more info.

## Friday, Feb. 25

GWAR with Alabama Thunderussy and All

That Remains at Royal Grove

GWAR, The shock metal band whose members—for years now—have dressed up like monsters and told fake histories about how their band created human beings, finally make its way to Lincoln for what will definitely be an interesting show.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for a 7:30 p.m., 19-and-older show.

Tickets: \$17 advance or \$20 day of show, Ticketmaster.com for more information.

## Saturday, Feb. 26

Indigenous with Roger Clyne & the Peacemakers

The Native American blues band Indigenous debuted a new sound tonight from their new self-titled CD. Making the album between record labels gave the band more creative control this time out.

Doors open at 8 p.m. for a 9 p.m. show.

Tickets: \$22 advance or \$25 day of show, Ticketmaster.com for more information.

## Sunday, Feb. 27

Dead Man Walking

A production of the Tim Robbins drama about a convicted murderer on death row and the nun who befriends him.

Show at 7:30 p.m., Feb. 24 to 26 and March 3; 2 p.m. on Feb. 27.

\$10 general, Lied Education Center, 24th and Cass, 280-1448.

## Monday, Feb. 28

The Fantasy Poker League locations and drink specials:

Icehouse on 109th and Maple, \$2.50 Ultra pints and \$10 buckets

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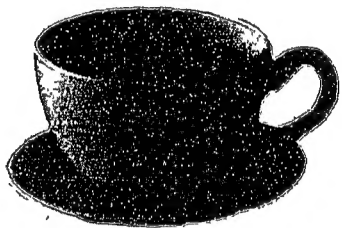
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# Men pull huge win over Minnesota-Duluth in the last regular season home game for seniors

CHRISTEN HARRINGTON  
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

"I'm leaving my program in great hands baby."

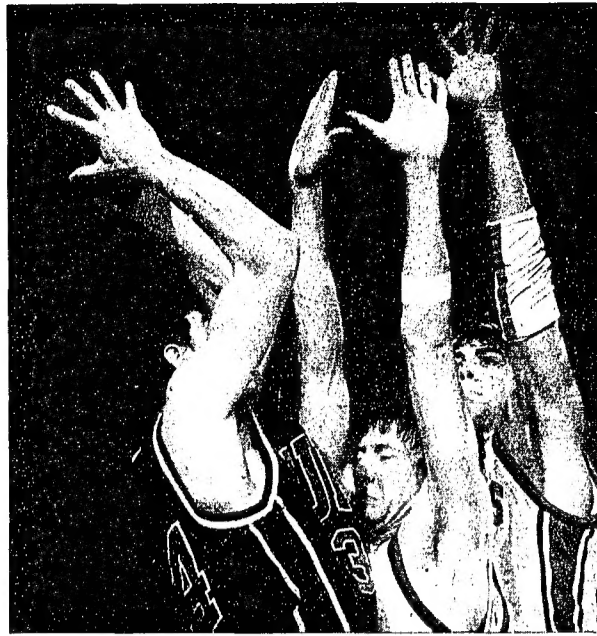
Those were the inspirational words from Andre Tarpley after UNO's 93-55 win over Minnesota-Duluth Saturday night. It was an emotional last regular-season home game for the UNO seniors, and they finished it off with an impressive win. Senior center Levi Jones lead the UNO crowd as fans chanted, "U-N-O, U-N-O, U-N-O," at the end of the game.

"Without the crowd there is no us, we need all the crowd support we can possibly get. Whether it be from students, parents or boosters, we play at our best when we have our crowd behind us," Jones said.

Senior players Abdul Mills, Randy Bland, Tarpley and Levi Jones have all enjoyed the success that their team is having this season and it only gets more exciting.

"The win feels great, we always need that momentum going into the game, we know it has been a big season for us, and we're doing better than we ever have. We are currently in position to do what has never happened at this program, and that is win back-to-back conference championships," Jones said.

The Mavericks enjoyed their biggest



Chris Machian  
UMD's Bryan Foss tries to take a shot over UNO's Ryan Curtis (center) and Chris DeSpain.

margin of victory this season, beating Minnesota-Duluth by 38 points. Saturday's game against Minnesota-Duluth was played close with the score 23-22 Mavericks with

eight minutes, 18 left in the first half. From that point on it seemed the Bulldogs went into a slump, and the Mavericks went on a 15-2 run. UNO went into the break up by 14 points.

The second half was even more humiliating for the Bulldogs as the Mavericks held their double-digit lead throughout, and the Bulldogs field goal percentage stayed at 30 percent for the game.

For most of the second half, Head Coach Kevin McKenna had his younger players on the court battling it out with the Bulldogs. Freshman sharp-shooter Denny Johnston stepped it up for the seniors in their last regular-season home game, hitting five 3-pointers and scoring 11 of his career-high 17 points in the second half.

"It feels good to send the seniors off nicely, and they taught me so much. With me being a freshman I really look up to them," Johnston said. "It's going to be really hard trying to replace the leadership

Andre Tarpley has displayed for the team this season for next year."

Three other players scored in double digits for the Mavericks including Tarpley who had 11 points, his most in the last eight games. Ryan Curtis scored 10 points and Bland added 11 points for the Mavericks. UNO has two games remaining on their regular-season schedule, both rematches on the road against Minnesota State-Mankato and Minnesota-Duluth.

"Our guys played pretty well tonight and we just got to maintain our focus, and make sure we go on the road with the same intensity that we had tonight. I think both teams we face play tough at home like most teams do, and our guys will have to be ready to play," McKenna said.

With the margin of victory by the Mavericks, McKenna still feels that it's odd to see a huge win like UNO had against Minnesota-Duluth in the North Central Conference.

"Our guys got on a roll defensively, and offensively they did a good job. It's one of those games where it's a rarity in our league and we'll take it, but we can't expect to have these things the rest of the way. I expect the games to be a little-bit tighter down the stretch, especially on the road," McKenna said.

## Maverick wrestlers drop final dual to Augustana before regional

J. PARKER ADAIR  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Some may say that a loss is beneficial to a team gearing up for run at a national championship. It can relieve the tension and the pressure of being number one, and allow a team to relax and concentrate on itself, and not what others expect.

So, there is some good to be taken out of a loss a week before the North Central Regional Tournament. The flip side of that is that the UNO wrestling team has now lost two duals at home this season, has yet to produce the

same starting line up for any of those duals and just lost a two-time All-American for the season.

Friday night, the Mavericks lost the final tune-up for regionals 20-19, to an opponent in the region. The Augustana Vikings recovered from a 14-6 deficit scoring 14 points in three of the last four matches.

Maverick top-ranked heavyweight Les Sigman stepped onto the mat needing a pin to tie the match at 20. There is no other wrestler in Division II that you would want to be in that situation.

At last year's national championships,

UNO needed big points out of Sigman to clinch the national championship.

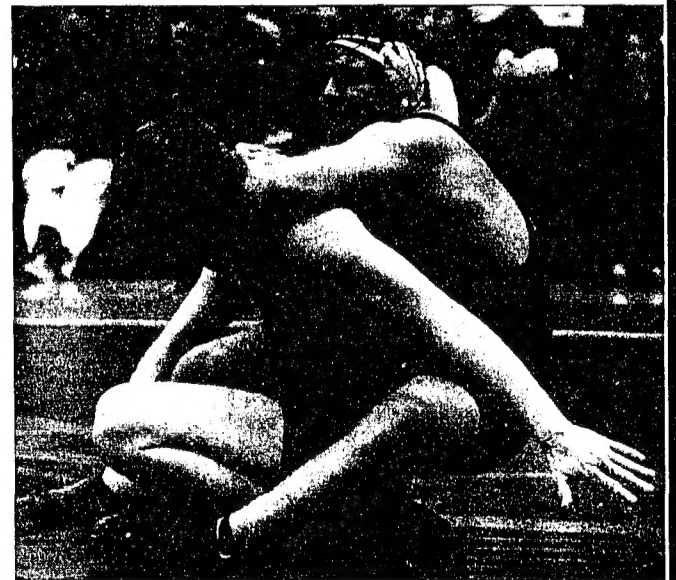
"We brought in our closer," Head Coach Mike Denney said that weekend last March. "There's no one else you want in that situation."

Sigman had a ten-point lead in the final minute of his match with Augustana's Cris Bietz, but the two-time defending national champion fell victim to his own success. He put Bietz on his back twice, recording five near-fall points to go up 17-2. By rule, the match was over and Sigman was the winner by technical fall.

The win was dominant but gave the Mavericks just five points and the win to the Vikings.

In the night's first bout, Augustana took a three-point lead. UNO's No. 5 125-pound Dustin Tovar turned a 4-1 lead into a 5-3 loss in the final 42 seconds. Tovar gave up two penalty points and a takedown in a 24-second span that gave No. 2 Aaron Graumann the win.

Earlier this week, UNO lost two-time All-American No. 4 Mitch Waite due to a season-ending injury. Having to plug in a back up with little notice is generally devastating to a team. Coach Denney made a good situation out of a tough one by plugging in All-American Dan Hilario at 133 pounds. The North Central Conference champion (2003) and All-American (2002) won 8-3 to tie the



Michelle Bishop  
Les Sigman wraps up Augustana's Cris Bietz during Friday night dual. Sigman scored a technical fall to improve to 45-3 this season.

dual.

The Mavs got wins at 141 pounds from No. 4 Eli Dominguez, 157-pound No. 3 Patrick Allibone and No. 1 J.D. Naig at 163 pounds.

No. 2 Shane Unger solidified the 149-pound rankings by falling just short in overtime to No. 1 Ryan King.

Augustana picked up two major decisions and a pin in the three matches following Naig's major decision.

The dual was a rematch of January's National Dual Tournament final. The Mavericks won that match 20-18, making the combined score of the two duals 39-38 in favor of UNO.

Both teams will compete Sunday at the North Central Regional Championships in Marshall, Minn. The top four placers there in each weight class will qualify for the NCAA Division II National Championships on the UNO campus March 11 and 12.

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## Home loss to Minnesota-Duluth runs women's skid to four games

J. PARKER ADAIR  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Saturday's loss was different for the UNO women's basketball team. In the other games of a now four-game skid, the Mavericks were close, but were beat in several statistical categories. Looking at the box score against Minnesota-Duluth, you would think UNO won if you took two stats off that list.

Offensive rebounds: UMD 19, UNO 3

Shots taken: UMD 64, UNO 39

That was all the Bulldogs needed to secure a 72-49 win, and stay within a game of the top-spot in the North Central Conference. The Mavericks are now in a tie with Minnesota State-Mankato for fifth with two games left in the season.

Duluth only needed the first 4:37 to control the game with a 14-point lead. The Mavs were 2-for-2 in that time, but the Dogs were 10-for-10. That was indicative of the entire game for UNO. The home team out-shot Duluth 43.6 percent to 39.1, but the Bulldogs missed as many shots as UNO attempted.

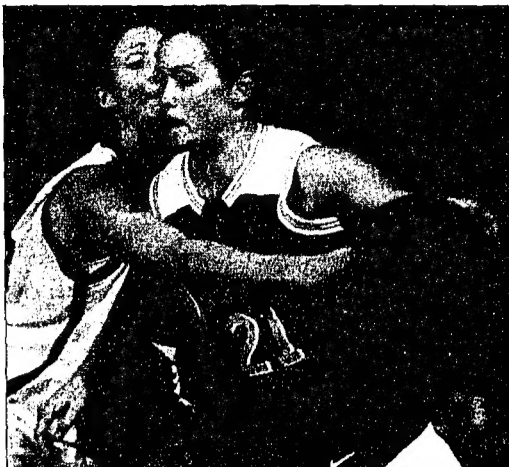
"We got a little flustered. We didn't take care of the basketball. They pushed us off of the offensive boards," said Head Coach Patty Patton Shearer. "But the most important thing was ... time of possession. They held the ball for a long time. It was like a football game. Got to go back on defense."

UNO could not attack the offensive glass, scoring just two second-chance points. Duluth scored 20.

The Mavericks immediately went on a 5-0 run to cut the lead to nine, but the Bulldogs rattled off nine straight of their

own, extending the lead to 18. UNO had a chance to close the gap, down 14 in the final minutes of the half. Again, Duluth shut the door, taking a 19-point advantage into halftime.

UNO was within 12 inside 13 minutes



Chris Machian

Lindsey Petersen knocks the ball away from UMD's Tasha Martin during Saturday's loss.

left in the game but would come no closer.

Lindsey Peterson was UNO's only double-digit scorer with 11 points. Duluth only had two in double figures, but their Lindsey (Dietz) recorded 38.

The Mavericks have a rematch at Duluth on Friday.

"They're a top 20 team. They're going to make a run. And if they're playing on all cylinders, they are tough to handle."

UNO will stay in "The Land of Lakes" to battle Minnesota State-Mankato. UNO (14-11, 4-6 NCC) needs a win against Mankato to avoid giving up a tiebreaker that would push UNO to the sixth seed.

## Mavericks shut out Jackrabbits

NATHAN LEETE  
SPORTS EDITOR

Friday night the UNO tennis team posted its second shutout of the season, defeating South Dakota State. They are now 2-0 all time versus SDSU, both wins by shutout.

In singles, the Mavericks won all six matches in two sets each. Maggie Russell opened the match by defeating Kristine Hagedorn 6-0, 6-0 and improving her record to 4-1. Sarah Huls got her first win of the season when she defeated Katie Wylie 6-3, 6-2. Pam Le moved to 4-0 on the season downing Jenny Sondreal 6-1, 6-2. Elizabeth Glogowski moved to 2-0 by beating Molly Dammann 6-4, 6-1. Katie Spahn improved to 2-2 for the season with her 6-2, 6-2 victory over Nicole Siebrasse. Kylie Roe defeated

Tricia Langholdt in the closest match of the night 7-5, 6-0 and improved her record to 2-1.

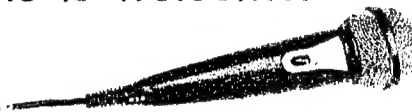
In doubles action, Lindsay Henjum and Huls defeated Hagedorn and Wylie 8-5 moving to a 3-2 record for the season. Glogowski and Russell defeated Sondreal-Dammann 8-3 in their first match as a team. Sarah Bredfeldt and Jenny Miller made their debut as a team and downed Siebrasse-Langholdt 8-4.

UNO's record now stands at 3-2. The Mavericks shut out Nebraska Wesleyan in their season opener. They then went on to post a 7-2 upset victory against reigning conference champions North Dakota, before falling to Gustavus Adolphus 1-8 and Winona State 4-5 in the Gustavus Adolphus tournament.

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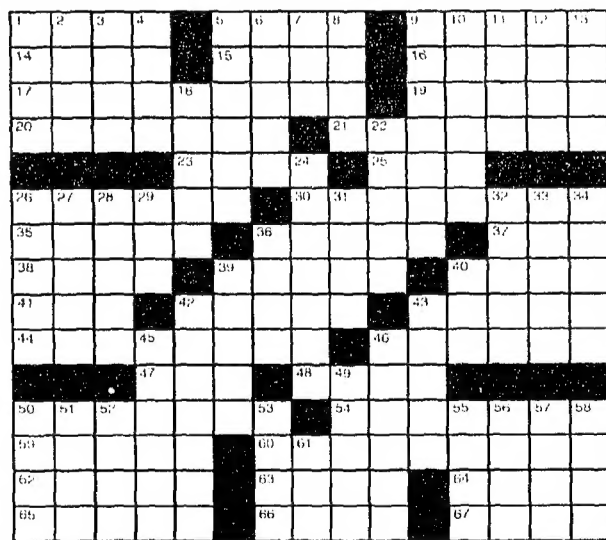
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Wednesday, February 09, 2005, 2:57 p.m.

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Hello, readers! This is hopefully the start of something new for this column. You may notice that this and the other two entries follow along the lines of a "Weblog," or an internet journal. And you're right.

I always wanted to do one of these blog things, and I've been able to work it so that I can give you at least three entries for each printing, and the three topics will no doubt cover different topics, some of which have nothing to do with politics. I need a break from it anyway, considering some of the recent flak I've been getting from it.

You may notice that this seems kind of similar to the College Democrat's blog, and believe it or not, that's kind of where I got the idea to do this. (I got a little bit more of the idea from some blogs off of the Fox News site. Five of their hosts write daily blogs.)

Anyway, here's hoping this works. -ML.

**HOLLYWOOD CAN'T TAKE A HINT**

Friday, February 18, 2005, 7:57 a.m.

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Yesterday, I saw something that was just downright appalling.

About a week or two ago, a conservative group put a billboard up in Hollywood, thanking liberal stars such as Michael Moore, Sean Penn, Barbara Streisand, etc., for re-electing President Bush in the 2004 Presidential Race.

The group cites a sort of "negative advertising" campaign, based on their complete hatred of Bush, which made more people vote for Bush this go around. And they are right. Continued ranting from the aforementioned stars, and anyone would get sick and tired.

But, just yesterday, someone decided to climb the tower up to the billboard with a couple of cans of black spray paint, sprayed out Bush's eyes and then sprayed the Swastika on his forehead.

That's the mindset of the modern liberal, folks. They think Bush is Hitler, perhaps worse than Hitler. And it's these kinds of people who are slowly bringing down the Democratic Party.

You know, I'm pretty sure that the city of Los Angeles can charge these criminals with defacing public property. I hope they find the stupid loons who did this. -ML.

As Far As I'm Concerned



Matthew Lytle

**THE TRUTH BEHIND THE DRAFT**

Thursday, February 10, 2005, 10:24 a.m.

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I know the election is over, but I still had one question that nobody's been able to answer, and it regarded the ever-unpopular subject of the draft. Both sides denied wanting to institute the draft, and both accused

the other of wanting to do it. So, was anyone responsible for it? Or was it a hoax, and we overreacted for nothing?

There is one point I must make clear before we delve in. The president cannot just wave a pen and "poof" the draft is active. Either of Congress' houses must first introduce it as a bill. Said bill must then pass through both houses of Congress, and then it must be signed into law by the president. (Not as easy as it seemed, huh? Caught me off guard too.)

And with that, I decided to take a non-partisan look into the archives of the Senate and House Web sites (they house all of the bills and actions made last year) to see if this was a big hoax, or if there was something to hide by either party.

As luck would have it, I struck pay dirt. And one side has some explaining to do.

During the 2004 session of Congress, two bills were introduced to re-instate the draft, one for each house. They were Senate bill S 89 and House bill HR 163. (Free copies of which are available at the Library of Congress' Web site, [thomas.loc.gov/home/search.html](http://thomas.loc.gov/home/search.html).) Both of these bills are the same, written by Representative Charles Rangel (D-NY) of New York's 15th District.

In the House, Mr. Rangel sponsored HR 163, and managed to get 14 other co-sponsors, all of which were Democrats. (Cross-reference the roll call vote with the list of cosponsors, and you'll see this is true.) Unfortunately, it was killed by a 2-402-29 vote, where we even find Mr. Rangel and many of his cohorts voting against this bill.

In the Senate, though, S 89 was given to Sen. Fritz Hollings (D-SC). Unfortunately, this bill never made it out of committee. Well, at least the Senate did something right.

Why would Rangel write these bills? The best thing I can come up with, using insight into the 2004 Democrat mindset, that these draft bills were written, hoping no one would read the fine print. With a Republican House and Senate, if these bills even saw the light of day, these bills could have been used as ammo to get John Kerry into the White House. This is only a guess, though.

So the Democratic Party has some explaining to do now, don't they? Surely the party supporting the draft's reinstatement would have Senators and/or Representatives from the party sponsoring them, shouldn't it? General reasoning says so, but these days, logical reasoning need not apply. -ML.

## Swallowing my pride: Moving back

*The following is part four of a column series chronicling one high school graduate's experience post-high school. It is a look at some typical issues other high school graduates can expect to face as their life away from their home and their parents begins.*

I never wanted to write this column. When part three of this series appeared on October 5, 2004, that was supposed to be the end. I had no intention of squeezing yet another installment from this situation.

However, extenuating circumstances have arisen, thus warranting yet another story.

Due to the sad departure of my 1988 Buick LeSabre this past summer, I was left with no choice other than to purchase a newer vehicle. It was an upsetting situation. My Buick, which cost only \$78 a month to insure (with no car payment) was replaced in August by a 2001 Dodge Dakota, fully equipped with a hefty monthly payment as well as a ridiculously high \$247 monthly insurance premium. I scraped and scratched to get by (monetarily, of course) during the Fall 2004 semester, all to drive a vehicle that was admittedly nicer than the Buick.

Nonetheless, after needing to borrow money from my boss as well as work extra hours at my dad's business just to make ends meet, I moved back into my parent's house near the end of January.

I always told myself I would never do this. The idea of moving back home, which is considerably farther away from UNO than my previous abode, was not appealing to me. I was stubborn enough to think that it was better to be broke all the time rather than move back home (I've yet to decide if I made the right decision).

One day after borrowing a few hundred dollars from my old man, he

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told me I could move back home until I was done with school. I scoffed at this idea.

"I'll wait until it gets really bad," I laughed.

The next morning I informed my landlord who is also a good friend that I would be moving out of his house after just seven months (Good thing I never signed a lease).

All in all, it took me about three weeks to mentally prepare myself for my third move in 17 months. (For which I still owe him three weeks worth of rent. He's joked that he wants to take me to court with Judge Judy, but I told him without a signed lease, he has no case.)

If you're reading this on Tuesday, I will turn 24 in six days. Let there be no doubt, I will not celebrate my 25th birthday living at my mom and dad's house. I will be gone by then.

Anything I brought home in boxes is still in boxes, ready to leave again on a moment's notice. I have to go to my dad's business or school to write this very column because my computer remains in storage. I am not anxious to unpack these boxes and re-pack them. As soon as it is financially possible, I will be gone from the proverbial "womb," never to return again. My mother will be devastated again. Most kids move out once, but I will do it twice.

People have told me, based on my pessimistic view of living back at home, that I am lucky to have some place to go back to. I counter that by saying that this would not have been my only option. I could have continued to rack up quite the tab with my previous landlord/friend. I could have found various other friends to "squat" with until I got out of the hole, but that isn't me. My parents created me so I've given them the responsibility to house me until I have a real job, if need be.

Don't laugh (too hard). It could happen to you. You never know.

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11:30 am Congress to Campus Luncheon  
12 noon Psychology Review Team  
1 pm Congress to Campus  
1:40 pm Muslim Student Association  
3 pm Panhellenic Recruitment  
3 pm Delta Epsilon Chi  
3 pm CCSW Event  
5 pm Student Marketing Association  
5:30 pm Sigma Kappa  
5:30 pm Offutt/UNO Reception  
6 pm Alpha Xi Delta  
7 pm Alpha Xi Delta  
7:30 pm UNO Winterguard  
8 pm Greek Endeavor  
8 pm Lambda Theta Nu

### Wed., Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>

8 am Music Department  
11 am Preacher Moss  
12 noon ALAS  
12 noon Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance  
2 pm Music Department  
2:30 pm SPSC  
2:30 pm Faculty Senate ACA Committee

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1:30 pm Academic Advisors  
4 pm Music Department  
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6 pm Delta Sigma Pi  
7 pm Student Government

### Fri., Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>

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8:30 am Women of Color Awards Planning Committee  
9:30 am Retirement Planning Session  
11 am Cultural Awareness Programs  
11:30 am Interfraternity Council  
12 noon AA  
12 noon Student Leadership Council  
12 noon Interview  
2 pm Dual Enrollment  
6:30 pm Christ on Campus  
6:30 pm The Rock

### Sat., Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>

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9:30 am Intern Training  
6 pm Muslim Student Association

### Sun., Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>

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3 pm Sigma Phi Epsilon  
4 pm Sigma Kappa  
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5 pm Pi Kappa Alpha  
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5 pm Victory Fund  
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6:30 pm Theta Chi  
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12 noon African American Organization  
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5 pm Chi Omega  
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1 pm Theta Chi  
1:40 pm Muslim Student Association  
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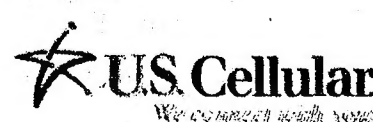
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